

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application.

Claims 1 and 3-20 are currently being prosecuted. Claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 2, and thus claim 2 has been cancelled. Claims 3, 4, 10, and 11 have been amended to reflect minor informalities. Claims 15-20 have been added. Claims 1 and 15 are independent. No new matter has been added by the present amendments.

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that dependent claims 2-14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants greatly appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter by the Examiner.

In light of this indication, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 2. Objected-to allowable claim 3 has been rewritten in independent form as new claim 15. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that by the amendment, all pending claims are allowable and the rejection as discussed herein below is moot.

Drawings

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating in the Office Action that the drawings filed on June 16, 2005 are acceptable.

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Information Disclosure Citation

Applicants request that the Examiner consider the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 15, 2005. It is respectfully requested that an initialed copy of the PTO Form SB08 be provided to the Applicants to complete the record.

Claim Objection

The Examiner has objected to claims 2, 3 and 14 based on antecedent deficiencies. Applicants respectfully submit that by the submission of the present amendment, the informalities have been resolved. Regarding the protector of claim 14, claim 14 is dependent on claim 13, and has antecedent basis in claim 13. Therefore, the objection reasons should be withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Marsteller (USP No. 3,401,534). Applicants respectfully traverse this art rejection insofar as it pertains to the presently pending claims.

A complete discussion of the Examiner's rejection is set forth in the Office Action, and is not being repeated here.

While not conceding to the Examiner's rejection, but to merely expedite prosecution, independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 2.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw this art rejection.

New Claims

Claims 15-20 covering the allowable features of the claimed invention have been added to enhance the claim scope. Specifically, independent claim 15 is directed to an air conditioner comprising original claim 1 and the allowable subject matter of claim 3. Also, dependent claims 16-20 cover the allowable subject matter of claim 4, 5, 8, 10 and 13, respectively. Therefore, no new matter has been added. These new claims are supported by the present specification and Figures.

Cited References

Since the remaining references cited by the Examiner have not been relied on to reject the claims, but have merely been cited to show the state of the art, no comment need be made with respect thereto.

Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that claims are allowable, and the application is now in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact James T. Eller, Jr., Reg. No. 39,538 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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